



How We Might Feel About This Topic



EXCUSES
are the tools of
incompetence,
used to build
monuments of
nothingness

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Your experience of school/
community partnerships –
What works? What's
challenging?

The challenges are great...
Schools can't do it alone.



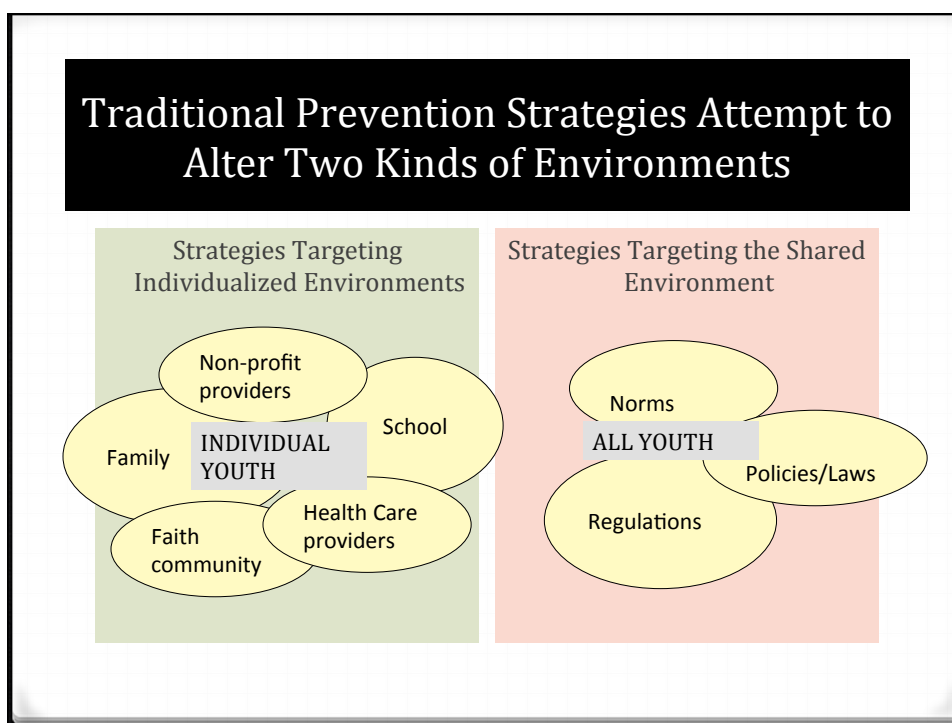
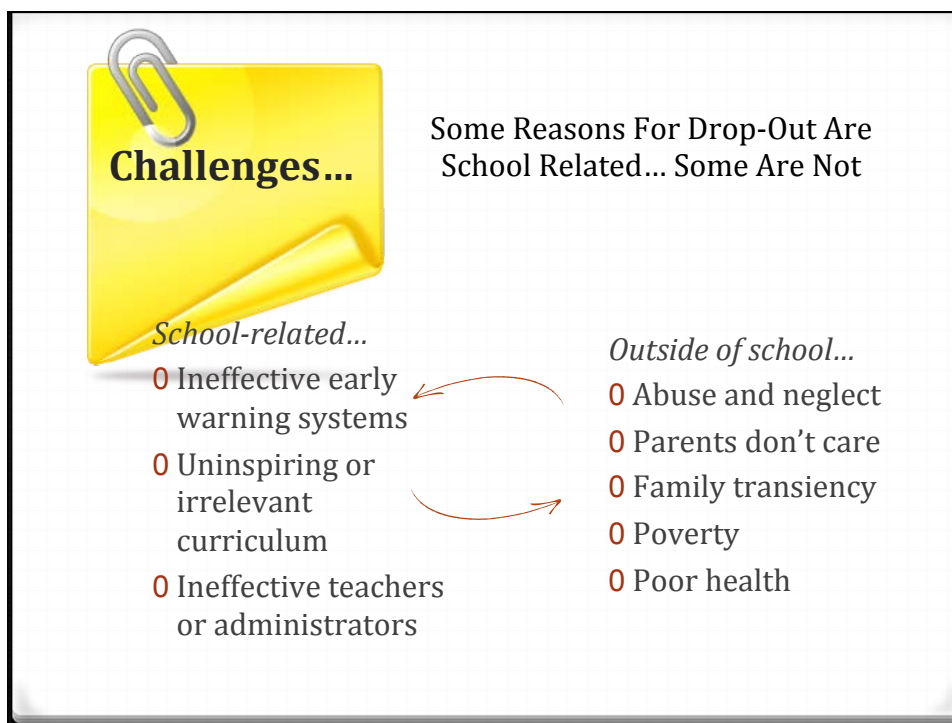
"Each of us has a role to play in supporting student success. The economic future of our communities depends on us providing a quality public education to every student."

– Superintendent Denise Juneau



Challenges

- 0 2,000 youth drop out of school in Montana every year
- 0 The cost of this to the state of Montana is in the millions each year
- 0 Teachers, students, businesses agree that Montana students are not prepared for the global economy
- 0 Education and human service funding is shrinking







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**Graduation Matters
Collaborations**

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Key Insights into Effective Collaborations

- 0 Structure collaborations that are fluid and recruit partners for specific pieces of the work (ex: policy analysis, advisory, program coordination, etc)
- 0 Develop activities to help you to understand the issue in ways you cannot understand without others' perspectives AND to build working relationships
- 0 People own that which they help to build: it's not "buy-in" it's co-creation
- 0 Communicate, communicate, communicate & celebrate!

Tools



Graduation Matters Montana
opi.mt.gov

More than 2,000 Montana students drop out each year.
We can do better. Denise Juneau

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Welcome

<http://graduationmatters.mt.gov>

In order to ensure that Montana's public schools are meeting the goal of graduating more students ready for college and careers, Superintendent Juneau has launched Graduation Matters Montana. Whether you are a community leader, business owner, educator, student or family member, your help is needed in ensuring students in our state graduate ready for college and careers.

TAKE the Pledge

Students Speak Take the Pledge What YOU Can Do Graduation Matters Across Montana Student Advisory Board

are 7 times more likely to own their own home. Graduates are less likely to live in poverty or to be on

More Tools

- 0 Policy audit
- 0 Listening sessions
- 0 Sample email update
- 0 Best practices for member recruitment & retainment
- 0 Collaboration 101
- 0 Cultures/viewpoints
- 0 Seven deadly sins of collaboration





Find the bright spots:

Learn what is working, and build on those successes

Fence sitters will go where the energy is: spend your time working on success with your supporters and naysayers will become isolated

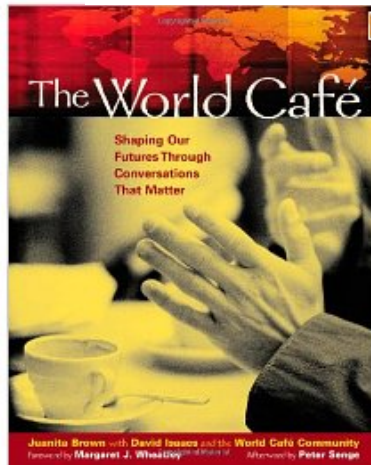
Switch: How to change things when change is hard *Chip Heath & Dan Heath*



Begin each section of an agenda or meeting with three components:

- (1) Review: review quickly what's been done to date
- (2) Preview: Describe briefly what the group is about to do
- (3) Big view: explain how the item/discussion fits into the overall objective of the session/meeting/work

The Secrets of Facilitation *Michael Wilkinson*



People are starving for rich, relevant conversations about what *really* matters

Be intentional about *how* you bring people together, *what* you want people to talk about

Go slow to go fast: relationships & trust are the critical foundation

The World Café Juanita Brown et al

"I'm a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."
Back to The Beginning Thomas Jefferson

